

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 929

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Claude P. "Bud"  
Knowles, Jr., of Hamilton County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Claude P. "Bud" Knowles, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Bud Knowles was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Knowles served with acumen and alacrity as Administrator of Elections for Hamilton County, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, the former owner of ABC Bonding Company, Mr. Knowles spent his years in the bail bonding industry leading a statewide effort to advance ethics and professional standards; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, he sold the bonding company and was appointed to the Hamilton County Election Commission; his fellow Election Commissioners later elected him to serve as Chairman of the Commission and appointed him as Chief Deputy Administrator; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2005, Bud Knowles served in the top administrator position until his death; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Knowles was also involved in his community, participating in a number of organizations, including the Harrison Ruritan Club, the North 58 Chamber of Commerce, the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Highway 58 Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Knowles was an active and devout member of the Oakwood Baptist church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Bud Knowles was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Knowles enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-six years, Barbara, and he is further survived by his daughters and their husbands, Donna and Bill Killian, Debbie and Mike Allen, and Denise Chambers; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brothers Dorman Knowles and Joe Knowles; and sister Virginia Knowles Pell; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Knowles was preceded in death by his parents, Claude Knowles, Sr., and Rose Knowles, as well as his brother George Knowles; and

WHEREAS, Bud Knowles leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Claude P. "Bud" Knowles, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Knowles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.